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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2011 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of September, 2011 was 187.5 representing an increase of 2.4 points or 1.3% above the Index for August, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the Average All Items Index for the period January–September, 2011, over that for the period January–September, 2010 was 5.2%. This reflects a decrease when compared with a rate of inflation of 9.8% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–September, 2010 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2009.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 423.3 in August, 2011 to 436.1 in September, 2011, reflecting an increase of 3.0%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of avocado, pumpkin, melongene, sweet peppers, yams, ochroes, sweet potatoes, melon, grapefruit, limes, chive and hot peppers. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, bodi, christophene, dasheen, irish potatoes, plantain, watercress, cucumber, garlic and oranges.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2011 accounted for a net overall increase of 2.3 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2011, compared with August, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2% and Clothing and Footwear 1.8%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of September, 2011 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in September, 2011, compared with those of September, 2010, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2011–September, 2010
All Items	2.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	4.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.2
Clothing and Footwear	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.2
Home Ownership	0.9
Rent	6.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.9
Health	1.7
Transport	0.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-0.2
Education	2.6
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	2.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for September, 2011

Period	Weights	Section Indices															
		All Items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
		180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																	
2009		156.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
2010		174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7	
January - September 2009		157.7	307.3	159.5	95.5	125.0	124.1	132.4	124.5	112.6	125.7	78.5	129.9	165.6	170.6	122.8	
January - September 2010		173.1	369.1	178.9	94.6	125.5	122.5	141.6	128.1	113.3	139.5	78.5	136.6	170.5	174.2	128.2	
January - September 2011		182.1	408.3	189.6	94.6	126.7	123.2	149.4	128.1	114.3	140.7	78.5	144.0	174.6	177.1	131.8	
2009 January		156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February		155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March		156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
April		158.1	308.1	159.6	95.7	125.2	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May		157.8	306.0	159.8	95.2	125.7	125.7	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June		157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July		157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August		158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September		161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
October		160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November		159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
December		158.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	144.1	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
2010 January		161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February		163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March		164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April		169.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May		172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June		179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.2	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July		180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
August		184.0	424.5	178.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
September		182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	143.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
October		180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	125.4	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
November		179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
December		180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
2011 January		182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
February		180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
March		179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
April		180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
May		179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
June		180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
July		182.6	409.2	188.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
August		185.1	423.3	188.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
September		187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items index of the new base by 1.509.